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Re: U.S. Application No. 09/819,091 filed February 16, 2000
Title: Plant Genome Sequences and Uses Thereof
Applicants: Yongwei CAO *et al.*
Atty. Dkt: 16517.124

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal form SB/30 (in duplicate);
2. Amendment in Conjunction with Request for Continued Examination;
3. Information Disclosure Statement;
4. Form PTO/SB/08B, with one attached document; and
5. Return postcard.

Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

Authorization to charge the statutory fee of \$790 for filing a Request for Continued Examination to counsel's deposit account is given in the accompanying Form PTO/SB/30.

In the event that extensions of time, other than those submitted herewith, are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16517.124. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. E. Holsten".

Enclosures

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